GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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THEFT OF ARTEFACTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing laws to tackle the thefts/smuggling of ancient artefacts are proving inadequate and ineffective;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to amend the existing laws so that the thefts/smuggling of the valuable items from the precious monuments can be stopped; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 is under review to identify provisions which need to be revised to make them more effective.